

MOLINE'S SECTION OF THE ARGUS

BIG TRUCK TAKES THE HILLS EASILY

Tests of Aerial Ladder Equipment Prove Entirely Satisfactory.

MAKES SPEED OF 15 MILES

City Will Accept It at Once and Place It in Operation—Crew Being Instructed.

Every test given the new aerial fire truck today was met in a satisfactory manner and the city will now proceed to accept the apparatus and place it in regular operation.

Tests were made in the presence of Mayor Carlson, Commissioners Eastman, Johns and Erickson, and Chief John Q. Hawk. The ladder was elevated at the central fire station and the machinery thoroughly tested as to the speed with which it could be raised and shifted. A squad of firemen were sent up for the first time to show its strength.

On the road tests it was found that the truck, which is driven from high front and rear wheels, could climb all grades, such as Sixteenth and Seventeenth streets, with ease, despite an icy surface, a speed of more than 15 miles per hour being maintained in all cases.

Demonstrator Teaches Crew. James Boyd & Son, of Philadelphia, the manufacturers, sent a demonstrator with the machine and he has had charge of its operations till now. A regular crew will at once be assigned and the demonstrator will remain in the city for a week or more longer to teach the firemen their new duties.

ENGINEERS INSTITUTE AUXILIARY NEXT MONTH

At a meeting of the local stationery engineers last evening at Turner hall, Henry Hintz, one of the members, read a paper on electricity. Plans were made to institute the auxiliary of the society next month.

FARMERS' PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION TO MEET

So rapidly has the Farmers' Protective association, organized a year ago to prevent hunting on the property of members, grown that the number of members of the executive board prob-

ably will be increased from five to nine at the annual meeting which has just been called. This session will be held at the hall of Glenn & Trevor, 214 Sixteenth street, at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday, Jan. 13. Reports will be made by the officers and the deputies, who have been sworn in to enforce the law and measures for continuing the work will be considered.

SHIPPING FORCE WORKS 12 HOURS

Moline Plow Company May Have to Put on a Night Shift Before Long.

A rush of orders for goods has necessitated an increase in the hours in the shipping room for the Moline Plow company to 12. The force has been working 16 hours heretofore. The new arrangement goes into effect next Monday.

Superintendent J. I. Irving states that in all probability even the new schedule will not be sufficient to take care of the rush, very long and that it may, and probably will be, necessary to put on a night shift before long. However, this depends upon the receipt of orders in the next few weeks.

OBITUARY RECORD

Lewis Tufts. Lewis Tufts, owner of a general store at Osborn, died yesterday morning at that place of heart disease. He removed to Osborn last spring from Erie, where he formerly engaged in the grocery business.

OFFICERS WHO WILL LEAD DORIC LODGE ARE SEATED

Officers of Doric lodge No. 215, A. F. & A. M., were elected last evening. J. M. Hildebrand, retiring worshipful master, being master of ceremonies. Officers who were seated are:

Worshipful master—Charles H. Mangold.
Senior warden—W. L. Eastman.
Treasurer—J. E. Gilmore.
Secretary—Thomas J. Marshall.
Senior deacon—C. W. Fisk.
Junior deacon—G. A. Ford.
Scribe—Edward—George L. Brown.
Dining steward—T. N. Jones.
Chaplain—H. S. Ransom.
Marshal—Frank L. Haynes.
Tyler—Edward Harris.

HAS SMALL DEBT AT END OF YEAR

Baptist Church, However, Is in Best of Condition Otherwise.

AUXILIARIES ALL PROSPER

Ladies' Aid Society Pays \$1,000 on Sunday School and Has Surplus in Treasury.

Reports read at the annual meeting of the First Baptist church last evening were of a nature to give the members much pleasure. All the organizations which are auxiliary to the church, such as the Sunday school, missionary societies, Light Bearers, Pickets, Good Fellowship club, etc., were shown to be in a prosperous condition, both as regards membership and interest, and from a financial standpoint. The church itself has a slight indebtedness resulting from the season's operations, but the plan is to speedily remove it, plans to raise the necessary funds having been made.

Pays Off Debt. The Ladies' Aid society paid off \$1,000 indebtedness on the Sunday school room and has money left in treasury. Following are the officers chosen.

Deacons—L. G. Cornelius, William Brendt, Charles Finch, D. H. Leland. Trustees—D. H. Duncan, H. S. Ransom.

Deaconess—Mrs. Elizabeth Aswege. Church Clerk—Arthur Sandmark.

FILTERED WATER FROM CITY MAINS IS GOOD

Filtered water supplied by the Moline department is safe for drinking purposes, reports City Chemist L. A. Fritz after his latest examination. In the raw water he finds an average of 865 bacteria per cubic centimeter, while in the filtered product there are only 43. Tests for gas formers were positive in all samples of raw water and negative in filtered samples.

HILDUR LODGE, LADIES OF VIKINGS INSTALLS

Installation of officers was held by Hildur lodge No. 31, Ladies of Vikings, last evening. Mrs. Marguerite Johnson of Chicago, supreme president, being in charge. The following were seated: President—Clara Davidson.

Vice president—Hilda Widell. Recording secretary—Emma Helstrom. Financial secretary—Mildred Gustafson. Treasurer—Anna Bjorklund. Grater—Hilda Butler. Marshal—Anna Eng. Inside guard—Hilda Samuelson. Outside guard—Martha Anderson. Musicians—Eva Anderson. A number of members of Thor lodge were present as visitors. The president delivered an address on the work of the order and refreshments were served.

SWANSON AGAIN HEADS COMPANY

Moline Mutual Fire Insurance Company Directors in Annual Meeting.

Directors of the Moline Mutual County Fire Insurance company met last evening at the office of A. E. Fryd in the Kerns building and elected the following officers for the year:

President—C. V. Swanson. Vice President—Fred Sundeen. Secretary—A. E. Fryd. Treasurer—C. L. Nelson. Mr. Nelson succeeded Alfred Lindvall as treasurer. The others were reelected.

ROCK ISLANDER IS HELD FOR BEATING BOARD BILL

W. E. Smith, who lives on Forty-fifth street, Rock Island, was taken into custody this morning by the Moline police on the charge of beating a board bill preferred by Joseph Fletcher, who runs a boarding house at Fourth avenue and Third street, this city. A postponement was granted by Magistrate Gustafson till tomorrow so that the state's attorney might be represented at the hearing. Smith was held without bail.

Bobsled Struck

A bobsled loaded with corn was struck by a street car at Third avenue and Eighth street this morning and the grain was scattered all over the street. The driver, whose name was not learned, was thrown to the pavement while the sled and horses were dragged considerable distance by the car. Luckily neither the driver nor the horses was injured. The man said he was near sighted and did not see the car approaching.

CITY MANAGER IS TO DELAY COMING

Dr. Upson Not to Deliver Lecture Until Legislature Disposes of Pending Bill.

An effort was made at the noon-day meeting of the Greater Moline committee today to have Mayor M. R. Carlson come to the defense of the commission form of government. The mayor, however, refused to do so at this time, unless it would be to answer questions. The suggestion was made by Dr. W. E. Taylor, during the discussion relative to bringing Dr. Upson, city manager of an Ohio city, here for the purpose of hearing his views on the manager plan.

The board of G. M. C. thought it would not be advisable to agitate the plan in Moline until it was found whether or not the state legislature passes the bill legalizing the city manager system. If the bill fails, lectures on the subject would be unnecessary. The committee will send a representative to Springfield either January 27 or Feb. 4, when friends of the proposed measure giving building and loan associations the right to hold property will hold a conference.

The G. M. C. is urging an amendment to the law which prohibits a corporation from buying and selling real estate.

MOLINE GIRL HAS LOST HER CLOTHES

Miss Clara Livingston, Student at Chicago, Resorts to Writ of Replevin.

Miss Clara Pearl Livingston of this city, student at the school of music at Northwestern university, is in a peck of trouble because her clothing has been held by her former landlord in lieu of payment for rent. Miss Livingston and Miss Leona F. Hobarth, with whom she roomed, moved suddenly last month without giving C. S. Johnson, from whom they rented a room, any notice. Mr. Johnson secured possession of the greater part of their effects and has kept them since.

Yesterday the two girls swore out a writ of replevin and part of their clothing was secured with this aid of

a constable and John Livingston, a cousin of Miss Livingston, and also formerly of Moline. The question of payment for room rent probably will get into the courts.

Miss Livingston intended to visit her parents during the holiday but is said to have been prevented by lack of apparel.

REESE QUITS AS MOLINE MANAGER

Will Return to Keokuk to Enter Offices of Baker-Dodge Company.

D. Orville Reese, manager of the Moline theatre during the present season, last evening made it known that he had resigned and would leave at once for Keokuk. There he will enter the general offices of the Baker-Dodge Amusement company which last fall secured control of the Moline and other theatres in the Mississippi valley from the Chamberlin-Kindt syndicate. Mr. Reese has made many friends while here. The name of his successor will be made known in a few days, it is expected.

CONFER OVER MATERIAL TO USE ON NINETEENTH

Nineteenth avenue property owners were represented by the committee appointed New Year's day at a meeting with the board of local improvements today at which material to be used in paving that thoroughfare was considered. Little progress was made toward arriving at a decision, but it is felt that when the three petitions now being circulated and the postcard ballots the mayor has sent out are received the board will have something definite to go on. The three petitions are for brick, asphalt and concrete. It is believed that the majority of the owners favor brick, concrete apparently being given least consideration.

FALLS ON ICY WALK; ISLANDER BREAKS LEG

George Rehn, who lives at Thirty-sixth street and Fourteenth avenue, Rock Island, slipped and fell on the icy pavement at Second street and Sixth avenue this morning, his right leg being fractured in two places above the ankle. He was removed to the Moline City hospital. Rehn is employed by the Velle Motor Vehicle company and was on his way to work when the accident happened.

EVEN PAYS FINE WITH BUM CHECK

New Evidence of Versatility of H. H. Hamilton, Under Arrest Here.

IOWA MAYOR WAS A VICTIM

Comes to Identify Prisoner and Tells How He Dropped \$40 Because of Faith in Stranger.

Evidence continues to accumulate to show how smooth an article is the chap, H. H. Hamilton, arrested here Saturday night for passing a forged check and now in the county jail awaiting action by the grand jury. Among his other dupes in Iowa is the mayor of Columbus Junction, upon whom he perpetrated what nearly everybody but the mayor will regard as a joke.

The head of the Iowa town was here today to take a look at Hamilton and make sure that he was the individual who enjoined at Columbus Junction a few weeks ago. He decided that such was the case after taking one look at the prisoner at the county jail.

In Iowa the mayors of cities have powers as police magistrates when they care to exercise them. The mayor of Columbus Junction is one of those who exercises this prerogative. A few weeks ago, in the course of events, there came before him this same Hamilton, on the charge of being drunk. There was no defense. Hamilton undoubtedly had been drunk and he did not attempt to evade a fine. The amount was fixed at \$10.

Hamilton drew a long face. He said he had only \$2 with him and as he did not know anybody in town he feared he was up against it. Finally he suggested that he had a pay check for \$50 with him and he said if he could get someone to identify him he would cash it and pay up. The mayor examined the check and it looked so much like the real thing that he did not hesitate for a moment to himself endorse it. Hamilton got the money, paid the \$10 fine and departed jocularly with the \$40, vowing that he had learned a lesson which would teach him to sin no more.

In due time the mayor had the amount of the check to make good, and so, being out \$40 on the deal, he has a personal motive for wanting to get Hamilton back into Iowa.

\$5.00—Coat and Suit Sale

Choose from scores of stunning coats and suits—garments all new this season—worth double and triple, even four and five times the sale price

Coat and Suit Sale—\$5.00

Astounding value—giving—the limit of profit sharing.

Everything Reduced 10% to 50%

Tomorrow the seventh day of trade-stirring, price-thrilling selling--Nothing to equal it attempted by any Tri-City store--Thousands have benefited--thousands more will get their share of the bargains

50% OFF A Half Less

\$150,000 Stock Dispersal

20% OFF A Fifth Less

The most remarkable selling event in this store's history.

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Coats, Suits, Furs, Millinery, Hundreds of Skirts, Many Dresses, Mussed and Soiled Undermuslins, and Remnants of Trimmings, Laces, Cotton Goods, Embroideries, Odd Lots and Clean-ups of Many Broken Lines.

50% OFF

Remnants of Wool Goods, Silks, Cloakings, Dress Materials, White Goods.

Coats Half Price and Furs Half Price

Jewelry Novelties, All White Ivorioid and Leather goods, Manicure Sets, Stationery Sets, Purses, Hand Bags, Mesh Bags, Vanities, Lavalliers, Trunks and all traveling luggage. Special lots of Blankets, Comforts, etc., etc.

25% OFF

Beads Shell Goods, Hair Ornaments, Dress Trimmings, Bags, Suit Cases.

Valuations sensational in the extreme Everything in store

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All Selling at 25% OFF

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Tomorrow, Saturday, another day to share in the irresistible bargain offerings—Replenished "Sale Specials" on all four floors during this great \$150,000.00 Stock Dispersal

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FIFTH AVENUE—ON THE BROADWALK
THE BIG STORE ON THE BROAD WALK

Lundt & Co. Basement—20% Discount Off Everything
Supply your wants Saturday—Tomorrow—and save 20%—one-fifth—All items practical for home use.

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Visit Lundt & Co., Basement Bargain Square for exceptional values. New items daily.

A FEW BARGAIN SQUARE SPECIALS:

Matches, 35c value.	Sani-Flush, 21c value.	Sauce Pans, 67c value.	Food Choppers, 65c value.
Brooms, 29c value.	Coffee Mill, 79c value.	Kettle, 48c value.	Oil Mop, 90c value.

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Lundt & Co.'s Basement Bargain Square will be maintained throughout the year—Watch for values shown from time to time.

Room-size Rugs, Small Rugs, Linoleums and Carpets, Lace Curtains, Cotton and Wool Blankets, Comports, Pillows, Bath Robes, Men's Furnishings, Shirt Waist Boxes, Yarns, Art Goods, Handkerchiefs, Children's Dresses, etc.

20% OFF

Drapery Materials, Upholstering Goods, Window Shades, Fixtures.

Suits Half Price -- Millinery Half Price

Silks Dress Goods, Linens, White Goods, Gingham, Linings, Towels Bed Spreads, Umbrellas, Neckwear, Small Notions, Gloves, Velvets Toilet Goods, Women and Children, Hosiery for the Whole Family, Leggings.

20% OFF

Powders, Perfumes and Toilet Waters, Underwear for Men.

All Selling at 20% OFF

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